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SUBJ: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) KUWAIT 1775, SEPT. 24, 1972; (B) JIDDA 0622;
(C) MANAMA 0095; (D) BEIRUT 2694

MANAMA PASS DOHA

1. IN VIEW INTEREST EXPRESSED IN REFTELS, AND
BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO AREA, WE HAVE DECIDED
GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO DEVELOPMENT REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN ARABIAN PENINSULA, AND WE HOPE IN SEVERAL
OTHER MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN STATES. RESPONSIBLE
AID (TA/ STS) DIRECTOR, JOHN H. TOBLER, WILL VISIT SAUDI
ARABIA AND GULF AREA DURING APRIL TO PURSUE SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS RAISED BY REFTELS, AS WELL AS MORE GENERAL ISSUES
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PRESENTED IN AID TO CIRC A-730 OF MAY 24, 1972 AND RESPONSES THERETO. TOBLER ALSO WISHES DISCUSS REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES CENTER BEIRUT PURSUANT IRWIN RECOMMENDATION TO HANNAH. ADDITIONAL VISIT TO IRAN COULD BE ARRANGED IF DESIRED.

2. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR TOBLER TRIP. POSTS CONCERNED SHOULD RECOMMEND ALTERNATE TIMING IF SUGGESTED DATES INCONVENIENT:

BEIRUT, APRIL 2-6;
JIDDA, RIYADH, DHAHRAN, APRIL 7-10;
KUWAIT, APRIL 11-14;
BAHRAIN, APRIL 15-16;
ABU DHABI, DUBAI, APRIL 17-19.

TOBLER WOULD THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR TRIP TO TEHRAN PRIOR RETURN BEIRUT. DOHA VISIT COULD ALSO BE WORKED INTO GULF SCHEDULE IF RPT IF KUWAIT FEELS THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL SO SOON AFTER POST'S OPENING.

3. TOBLER PREPARED DISCUSS ALL AREAS WHERE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR UTILIZATION REIMBURSABLE US TECHNICAL SERVICES INCLUDING: INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, AGRICULTURE, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AND MANPOWER PLANNING AND UTILIZATION. HE WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY EXAMPLES POSTS COULD PROVIDE WHERE USG "TOPPING OFF" POLICY MIGHT ASSIST IN EXPANDING HOST COUNTRY PURCHASE OF US TECHNICAL SERVICES. FYI. OUR "TOPPING OFF" POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED. POSTS ARE REQUESTED NOT RPT NOT TO DISCUSS TOBLER VISIT IN THIS LIGHT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. END FYI.

4. WITHIN SUBSTANTIVE AREAS NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE, TOBLER WILL INVESTIGATE: (A) SPECIFIC TECHNICAL SERVICES GAPS WHICH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND POSTS FEEL MIGHT BE FILLED BY USG EITHER THROUGH DIRECT REIMBURSABLE AID PROGRAMS OR THROUGH PRIVATE COOPERATING AGENCIES SUCH AS IESC; (B) AREAS HOST GOVERNMENTS AND POSTS FEEL SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY; (C) AREAS WHERE APPLICATION US TECHNOLOGY LIKELY GET BEST RESULTS; (D) AREAS OFFERING WIDEST PROSPECTS FROM STANDPOINT US INTERESTS; (E) HOW TA/ STS CAN ASSIST IN OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND LIMITATIONS CURRENTLY AFFECTING POSTS' EFFORTS SELL US TECHNICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVICES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE INDICATING POSTS'
CONCURRENCE AND/ OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMENTS. PLEASE
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